

Old State Capitol
Jackson, Miss.

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OLD CAPITOL BUILDING
Jackson, Hinds County, MississippiOwner (Or Custodian)

State of Mississippi

Date of Erection

1839

Architect

William Nichols

BuilderPresent Condition

Good, (Remodeled 1916)

Number of Stories

Three

Materials of ConstructionFoundation

Stone

Floors

Stone and Wood

Exterior Walls

Brick Stucco and Stone

Interior Walls

Plaster

RoofTar paper rolls and galvanized
tin.Other Existing RecordsHas six large pillars with five openings under
neath.Additional DataOutside lines remain unchanged; Outside dimensions
60x200 feet. Andrew Jackson was received here in
1840 and Henry Clay in 1844.

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100 North State Street
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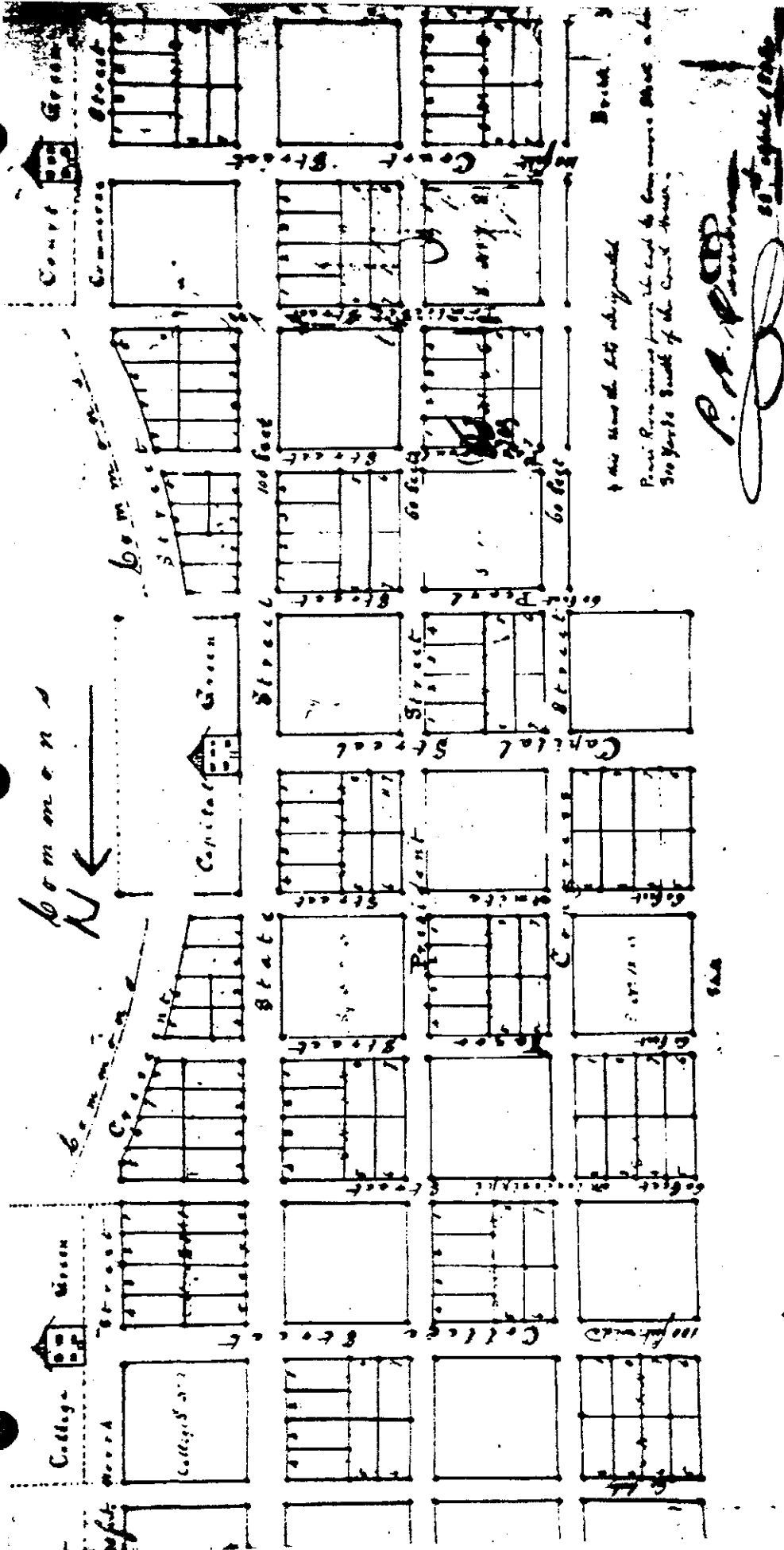
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MISSISSIPPI	COUNTY HINDS	TOWN OR VICINITY JACKSON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) STATE CAPITOL, OLD		HABS NO. MS-56
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 100 North State Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1833-1840	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William Nichols	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Old State Capitol is an excellent example of Greek Revival, conceived and erected on a monumental scale. The Capitol was the seat of government from 1840-1903. It was the site of addresses by Andrew Jackson (1840), Henry Clay (1843), passage of the Ordinance of Secession (1861) and a final address by Jefferson Davis (1884).		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Foundations of brick covered with a rusticated stone veneer. Load bearing brick walls, common bond. Roof, dome and lantern are copper covered. Floors are stone and wood.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The thirteen bay building measures approximately 60' by 200'. In addition there is an apse at the East and a five bay portico at the West Front.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A central dome rises above the three story rectangle and supports a circular lantern. The entrance portico consists of a rusticated arcade supporting six Ionic columns surmounted by a full entablature and pediment. The upper member of the entablature becomes a cornice which surrounds the entire building.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Entrance to the rotunda is through the portico into a vestibule with twin spiral staircases. Beyond the entry hall is the spacious rotunda with wings extending on each side, one for each legislative house. Beyond the rotunda is the court chamber. Diminished coffering increases apparent height of the rotunda.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Restored 1959-1961 at cost of \$1,600,000. Restoration included installation of modern infrastructure, and reconstruction of spiral stairs and legislative chambers according to the original plans. (See Crocker, below)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition, excellent. Use, State Historical Museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Located at the head of Capitol Street, the Capitol terminates the street vista. The Capitol Green was reserved as a site for the Capitol in original 1922 survey of Jackson. (See data page 2)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) HABS Data Sheets compiled by William C. Allen, Sept. 1974, based on Mississippi Department of Archives and History files including National Register files. HABS microfiche data. Crocker, Mary Wallace, "Historic Architecture in Mississippi", 1973, pp 73-75.		
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P. A. Vandom Map of Jackson, 1822